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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-117844) DATE: 2/26/64

FROM: SA JOHN EDWARD HEGARTY (#312)

SUBJECT: MARK LANE
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On 1/28/64, [NY 3164-S] orally advised SA JOHN EDWARD HEGARTY that on the evening of 1/24/64, a Militant Labor Forum sponsored by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held a forum at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 353 West 57th Street, New York, New York. [NY 3164-S] advised that the main speaker at the forum was MARK LANE, the attorney for the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. (u) (u)

The informant advised that over 800 persons were in attendance at the forum, although only a little more than \$260.00 was taken up at a collection to aid the mother of OSWALD.

1-100-97078 (SWP, New York Local)
1-100-115461 (ELEANOR FERRY)
1-100-118453 (FRED HALSTEAD)
1-100-147485 (VICKIE MORRIS)
1-100-135302 (JIM ROBERTSON)
1-100-145575 (LYNN ROBERTSON)
1-100-148744 (KEN SHILMAN)
1-105-46028 (KEITH KERN)
1-100-133468 (ELI FINER)
1-100-60713 (Tass)
1-100-93572 ("National Guardian")
1-100-80679 (HARRY RING)
1-105-38431 (LEE OSWALD)
1-100-133479 (YSA)
1-134-5638 (Inv.)

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NY 3164-S advised that among those attending the forum whose identity is known to the informant were the following:

HARRY RING, who was the moderator
ELEANOR FERRY
FRED HALSTEAD
Rabbi KURT FLEISHER
VICKIE MORRIS
JAMES ROBERTSON
LYNN ROBERTSON
KENNETH SHILMAN
KEITH KERN
ELI FINER

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NY 3164-S advised that the forum was well attended by SWP and YSA members.

The informant advised that while talking to a member of the YSA, whose identity is not known to the informant, the YSA member advised that KENNETH SHILMAN has been transferred to the West Coast.

Informant further advised that ELI FINER was recording MARK LANE's speech.

The informant further advised that FRED HALSTEAD mentioned to the informant that two of the individuals seated at the press table were associated with the Tass News Agency in New York City.

The informant advised that at the forum, it was announced that the "National Guardian" was going to sponsor a tour by MARK LANE and OSWALD's mother, which would end up at Town Hall in New York City on February 18, 1964.

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[NY 3164-S] advised that during his talk, MARK LANE discussed only those matters that have previously been made public and he furnished no new information that had not previously been contained in his article in the "National Guardian". The informant advised that although LANE was scheduled to play tapes of his interviews with OSWALD's mother, LANE indicated that he could not play the tapes because there now exists a client-counsel relationship between he and Mrs. OSWALD.

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[NY 3164-S] advised that in a conversation with HARRY RING, RING indicated that the SWP publication "The Militant" wanted to run an ad in the "New York Post" on 1/23/64 and 1/24/64, but although the ad was accepted, the editorial board of the "New York Post" subsequently refused to accept the ad. RING further advised that someone from the SWP had spoken to JAMES WESCHLER, a member of the editorial board, about the newspaper not accepting the ad; but WESCHLER stated that he could not give an answer or reason for the refusal. According to the informant, MARK LANE has suggested that The Militant Labor Forum sue the "New York Post" for loss of revenue.

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